

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3169 - HB 3466

February 17, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a \$75 fine for failure to properly use a child restraint system. Increases, from one to two years, the age under which a child must be in a rear facing restraint system.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – \$149,600/Child Safety Fund

Increase Local Revenue – \$7,900

Assumptions:

- Current law does not specify the fine amount. According to the Department of Safety (DOS), the current average fine is \$40.
- An increase of \$35 in fine revenue per violation.
- DOS estimates 4,500 violations annually.
- Five percent of fine revenue is allocated to the local courts; 95 percent is allocated to the Child Safety Fund.
- A recurring increase in state revenue to the Child Safety Fund of \$149,625 (\$35 increase x 4,500 convictions x 95%).
- A recurring increase in local revenue of \$7,875 (\$35 increase x 4,500 convictions x 5%).
- Any one-time increase in state expenditures for DOS to update information on the DOS website will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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